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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Saturday March 18, 2006 - 6 p.m.

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Rayne - March 10 & 11, 2006

Baton Rouge - May 6, 2006

Leesville - August 12, 2006

### Each Wednesday

### Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb Caffery

Check 146.820 - repeater for info

### Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

### Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

## March Meeting

The AARA General Meeting for March will be on the Saturday following the Hamfest which falls on March 18th at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building on 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA. This will be a covered dish event with the club providing the main course. So you are asked to possibly bring some kind of side dish if possible.

Part of the meeting will be a hamfest report, installation of new officers for the year 2006 - 2007, drawing for the yearly handi-talki for members attending the General Meeting during the last year, and presentation of the ARRL Radio Handbook to Joey Richard III - KE5AOF. Our new officers will be:

President	Roland Guidry NA5Q
Vice President	Stratos Imvriotis KE5DCI
Secretary	Randy Castille N5MLJ
Treasurer	Joy Breaux N5YCS
Board Members	Charlie Morrison KI5XP, Shannon Lytle KE5CKT, and Danny Griffith K5ARH.

The AARA would like to express our thanks to all those persons that helped out in any way, or attended this year's hamfest. It's your participation that makes events like these possible.

## FROM THE PREZ

Greetings to all as I write my last monthly column for the LARC. Next month, this section of the newsletter will be filled by Roland NA5Q.

It appears that we will not be participating in the Mardi Gras activities this year. I just got word this evening that there is not enough APRS equipment to do the job. On the other hand, at least AMOS is finally fixed. There should not be any more running the battery down. The alternator was the bad culprit. It had shorted diodes in it.

On another subject, I want to express my appreciation to Herman KN5GRK for the job he has done for the club for several years. Serving as vice president, getting door prizes together, conducting the prize drawings at the meetings, and the yearly drawing for the handheld. Along with other things, I am sure that he did, that I have forgotten.

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
American Red Cross Building  
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I also want to thank him for taking over as news letter editor after Al K5DPG passed away.

Well, it is just a couple of weeks until the Lafayette hamfest will be held in Rayne. Lets all pitch in and try to make this one the best ever.

Don't forget, there will not be a general meeting the first Thursday of March. The March meeting will be held on March 18 at 6:00 P.M. This is the Saturday after the hamfest. We will have a Hamfest report, and the installation of the new officers. Then we will eat. The club is furnishing the meat (fried turkey) and drinks, and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish. Meeting will be at the Red Cross building.

Hope to see everyone at the hamfest on March 10 and 11.

73 Danny K5ARH

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## A Few Words from the Editor

Some of my friends in the amateur radio world were quite concerned when they found out that I was in the hospital. Some wanted to know "what happened?"! Well it is like this, while working on some computers, I had managed to drop a screw on the floor, I bent down on my left knee to pick up a CD-ROM drive and put my left knee down on the screw, this was on Feb. 6th. It broke the skin a little so I cleaned it and put some antiseptic and every day or so I would repeat the treatment. Monday evening (Feb. 13th) my knee started to hurt and really started hurting during the night. Tuesday morning I went to the ER at 7:00 AM, had it lanced, received a tetanus shot, a script for antibiotics and sent on my way. Thursday morning, I had a routine appointment with another doctor. When he saw how swollen and red my leg was, he demanded that I return to the ER. I went back that evening, they admitted me and started me on IV fluid and antibiotics. I remained in the hospital until Monday evening of Feb. 20 when I was released to go home.

I am now home under home health care, cannot drive, limited walking and have to keep my leg elevated as much as possible. Things seem to be improving to this point, nothing life threatening so far.

One of the things that I brought with me was my HT and charger. I tried to hit the club repeater on the "rubber duck" antenna, but was unable to make the trip. The building walls and line of sight was stopping the signal. John KA5BSE brought me a "roll-up J pole" and we tried that inside the room on the third floor but that did not work either. We ended up by dropping it out the window and it worked fine. With the four days of time I spent in the hospital, the time I spent talking to my ham friends on the outside made the time seem a lot shorter.

I would like to thank all those that wished me a speedy recovery and especially want to thank John KA5BSE and Dick WA6MDI for getting me to and from the hospital and running errands for me. I also want to thank Jim N5NVP for the "special hospital" visit. J.C. WO5G and Greg K5LFT also drooped by for a visit. Of course Greg had his camera and if you know Greg, he is the kind of guy you don't want to turn your back on - especially when you are wearing a hospital gown. (hi)

73's de Herman KN5GRK

## LA QSO Party

On Saturday February 11, 2006, members of the AARA took part in the Louisiana QSO Party. We operated from the Lafayette Parish Courthouse from the Office of Emergency Preparedance (OEP). We arrived at 8:00 AM local time to check out the equipment and all seemed to be in good working order except for a multiband dipole.

The contest kicked off at 9:00 AM and we operated on 20 and 40 meters, operating two stations.

Bill Vincent (OEP operations director) dropped by on a couple of occasions to see how we were doing. He was very appreciative of us using the equipment and letting him know what was not working up to par. About the only time this equipment is used is during emergencies and it is always a good thing to check it out during non-emergencies.

Those that helped in this event were: Randy N5MLJ, John KA5BSE, Roland NA5Q, Dags KE5CGN and Herman KN5GRK.

We made 262 contacts and ended up with a total score of 26, 832.

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## TID BYTES

**The 2006-2007 membership dues need to be paid before March 31, 2006. Go to:**

<http://www.w5ddl.org/aarambr.pdf>

Download the application form, **fill it out completely**, please include your e-mail address, and check if you want to receive the LARC newsletter by USPS or e-mail. **Everyone must fill out a application even if you are a Senior Member.**

## LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS -- JANUARY 2006

A large number of our amateurs have passed away since last month's report. I am very sorry to report that KC5JM, WA5QMI, KA5OLE, KA5TNT, are KC5WIX are all now Silent Keys.

KD5IBY recently emailed me about the subject of ham clubs adopting a school as a club project. I agree with John that this would be a great way for us to promote our hobby with the young folks. Hams acting individually or through their clubs could contact teachers or principals to discuss the possibility of demonstrating amateur radio in one or more schools. In some cases we might want to focus first on recruiting teachers to become hams so that they could then discuss ham radio in their own classrooms.

Our hobby should be easy to sell to teachers because it's a great educational tool. Science and engineering, geography, and foreign languages and cultures are among the most obvious subjects connected with ham radio. Plus, astronauts are still getting their ham tickets to make contacts from space, which should surely appeal to the schools. The Morse code will also likely interest a lot of the younger kids because it's a "secret" code that is easy for them to learn. Many of today's hams work in related electrical and electronic fields because of their early exposure to the technical phases of amateur radio and that fact could also be pointed out.

The educational aspects of amateur radio are many and I believe the LA Section should now assume a more positive role in this matter. Therefore, I would like to appoint someone to be the "Educational Coordinator" for ham radio in LA. This person would then help recruit hams and clubs throughout the state to adopt their local schools as suggested by KD5IBY. The ideal candidate for this new position would be a ham who teaches at the elementary, middle, or high school level. If you or someone you know has the interest and time to serve in this important position, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I am happy to report that N5NVP is our new Affiliated Club Coordinator. Jim will be helping our clubs keep up with their periodic paperwork required by ARRL Headquarters. Affiliated clubs or those wishing to pursue League affiliation should email Jim (bookter@bellsouth.net) if they need assistance.

The 2006 Hurricane Season is not too far away! A Delta Division Memorandum of Understanding between AR, LA, MS, and TN is in the works and should be in force well before June 1. This new MOU will be posted on the LA Section web site as soon as it becomes official.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Acadiana Hamfest will be in Rayne on March 10 and 11. During the ARRL Forum I plan to present many Emergency Communications Commendation certificates for the good work during last year's hurricanes. For the latest hamfest updates, visit <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Baton Rouge Hamfest will be a "Junk in the Shade" affair on May 6 in Baton Rouge at the Highland Road Astronomical Observatory. Visit [www.brarc.org/](http://www.brarc.org/) or email Ed at [ad5jv@arrl.net](mailto:ad5jv@arrl.net) for more details.

Finally, I recently changed my ISP and now have DSL instead of my old dial-up service with MSN. My new email address is [mcoxk5mc@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcoxk5mc@bellsouth.net) I may not have received all of my intended messages and monthly station reports during this changeover. If your report doesn't appear below, please send it to me again (at my new address!) so that I can include it in next month's report. You can also send me email via [k5mc@arrl.org](mailto:k5mc@arrl.org) or [k5mc@arrl.net](mailto:k5mc@arrl.net) as before.

**Traffic totals:** K5MC 175, AE5V 121, WA5LQZ 68.

**Public Service Honor Roll:** K5MC 110, W5DSG 102, AE5V 95, N5MEL (ex KC5RJY) 87, K5ER 84, KD5ITA 84, W5HUD 82, KB5UHH 34.

**Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled.** Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/395/53. Louisiana CW Net: 24/111/79. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/80.

**Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins.** Caddo/Bossier ARES Net: 1/23. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 2/10. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/20. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 5/39. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/117. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 4/18. Richland Parish ARES Net: 5/65. St. Mary ARES Net: 4/28. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 5/68.

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03/04 KD5AIB Janiece  
03/15 KE5EEO John  
03/19 KE5AWZ Mike  
03/27 KB5SMX Maureena  
04/12 KB5RSH Brenda



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some are not listed.

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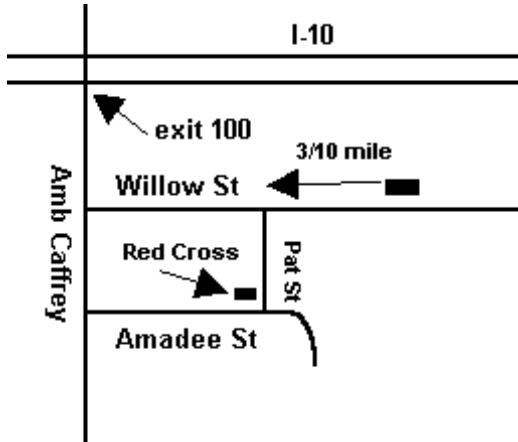
Union Parish ARES Net: 4/54. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/20.

**ARES reports: parish/EC.** Allen/KC5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Beaurgard/KC5AHA, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Caldwell/KC5BSC, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Iberville/W5OVV, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Lafource/N5PZJ, Lincoln/AD5AQ, Orleans/NO5FD, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Webster/KB5WFE, West Baton Rouge/KB5YHI, West Carroll/KD5DJ, West Feliciana/N5SOD.

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**46th ACADIANA HAMFEST  
2006**

**March 10 & 11th, 2006**  
Rayne Civic Center  
Rayne, Louisiana

[www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/](http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/)

COMPLEMENTARY  
ISSUE

***UPCOMING CONTESTS  
&  
SPECIAL EVENTS***

March 4 & 5 - Open Ukraine RTTY Championship  
March 7 - Spartan Sprint - CW  
March 10 & 11 - AARA Hamfest, Rayne, Louisiana  
March 11 & 12 - RSGB Commonwealth Contest - CW  
March 11 & 12 - Oklahoma QSO Party - Phone, CW, Digital  
March 11 & 12 - Idaho QSO Party - Phone, CW, Digital  
March 11 & 12 - EA PSK31 Contest  
March 12 - North American RTTY Sprint  
March 12 & 13 - Wisconsin QSO Party - Phone, CW, Digital  
March 18 thru 20 - Russian DX Contest - Phone, CW  
March 18 thru 20 - Virginia QSO Party - Phone, CW, Digital  
March 18 - 10-10 Mobile Contest (10 Meters only)  
March 18 & 19 - CLARA and Family HF Contest - Phone, CW  
March 25 thru 27 - CQ WW WPX Contest - Phone

Check out the ARRL Website or QST Magazine for details and other listing too numerous to list here.

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

***FCC LICENSE INFO  
SERVICE***

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries -- including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245